

GLC wins battle but final victory yet to come

By Anne Carothers

With one victory behind it, the ASUN Government Liaison Committee's (GLC) hardest work in the Nebraska Legislature is yet to come, said Greg Johnson, GLC chairman.

The Legislature's Appropriations Committee Tuesday approved \$133,700 for career counseling, environmental health, new student orientation and career placement programs. State financing of the four programs, rather than student fees financing has been GLC's top priority, Johnson said.

Johnson said the four programs in question should be state financed because they benefit the entire university and not just the students.

Those programs are ones for which every university should provide the pay, Johnson said. The students already are paying their fair share, Johnson said.

University-wide program

Career counseling is a university-wide program to help students choose a career and career placement helps them find jobs after graduation, he said.

Student orientation benefits the university in that it cuts down administrative cost of processing drops and adds, Johnson added.

The full Legislature still must approve the Appropriations Committee's recommendations. GLC now

will concentrate on getting the Legislature to accept the proposal, Johnson said.

He said he thinks the Legislature would vote on the budget in May.

The University of Nebraska will help GLC in lobbying for those four programs, according to Richard Fleming, assistant to the chancellor.

One of the dangers of losing the funding for the four programs is that Gov. J. James Exon has the power to veto individual items in the budget, Johnson said.

Override power

However, the Legislature now has the power to override the vetoes item by item with 30 votes, said Lincoln Sen. Roland Luedtke, speaker of the Legislature.

If the Legislature approves a budget with state funding for these four programs it would cut a student fee hike that some speculate may be \$8 to \$11, Johnson said.

Sherry Cole, chairwoman of the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) said the board hasn't allocated money for these four programs for next year. FAB's allocations will be based on the budget the Legislature approves.

Because the Legislature will not approve the budget until May, Cole said FAB will have to take an "if then" recommendation to the NU Board of Regents meeting April 16. The recommendation will contain two suggestions depending on whether the four programs are in the Legislature's budget.

Talk to regents

Cole said ASUN wanted to talk to regents on this issue, but she did not know if it was going to make a recommendation to the regents.

Charlie Fellingham, ASUN senator, said the main reason ASUN wanted to meet with the regents was to show student support for state funding of these four programs.

"Because figures will remain tentative until the students leave school, we have to work now," Fellingham said.

ASUN will suggest that the regents approve the Legislature's budget if the four programs are in the budget. If the programs are not in the budget, ASUN will suggest that the regent's discretionary fund finance those programs, Fellingham said.

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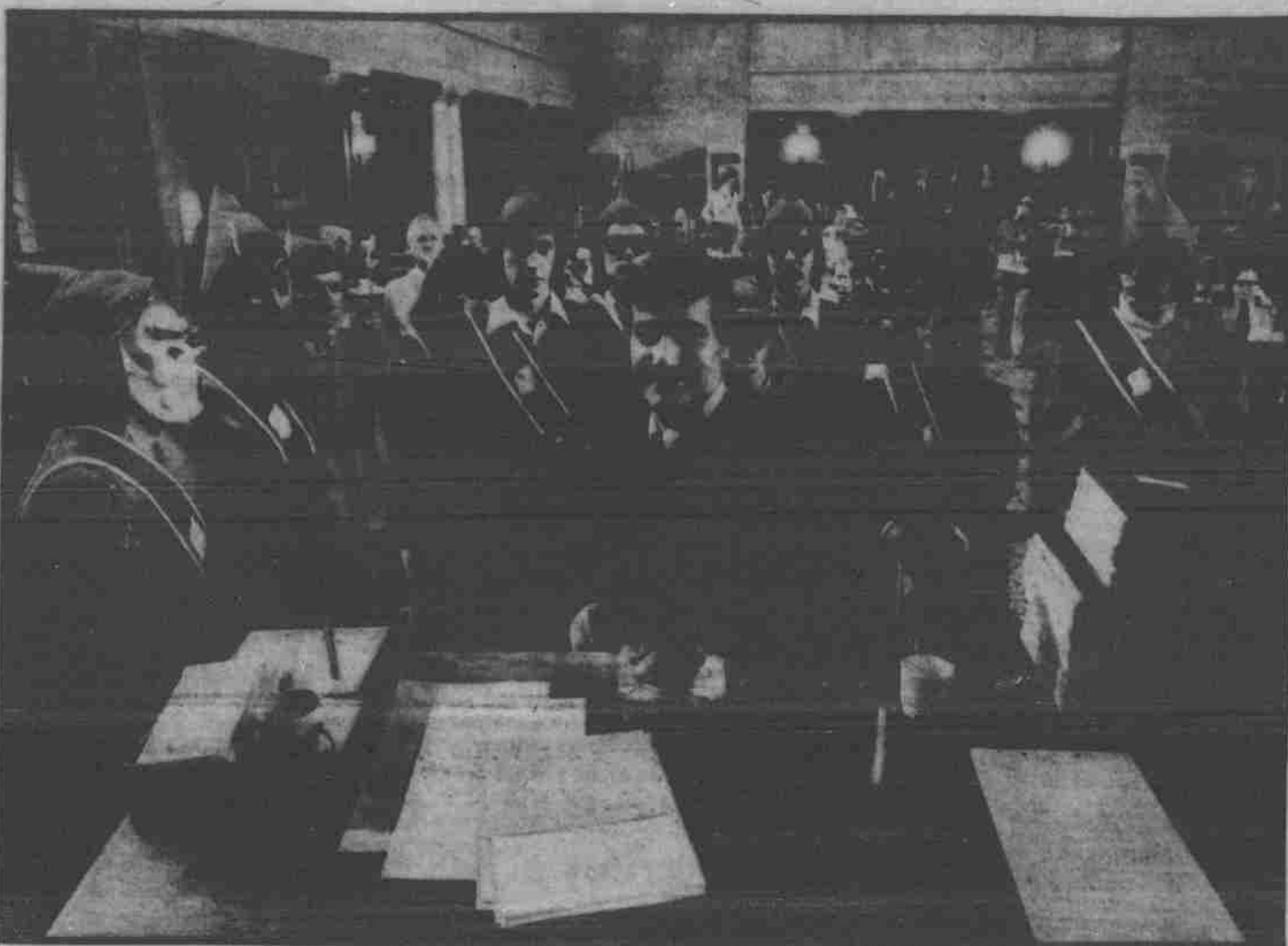


Photo by Ted Kirk

Who are these masked men and women and why is this man smiling? For more information turn to p. 6.

Petition challenges FAB powers

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Calling Fees Allocation Board (FAB) actions "capricious and arbitrary," a petition filed with the UNL Student Court wants to cut FAB powers and prevent the board from allocating fees to student organizations.

The petition, filed Tuesday by Dixon sophomore Lyle George against FAB, will be heard by the court April 12.

In his petition, George charges that since FAB is a non-elected body and not directly accountable to any constituency thus students are being taxed without representation.

George's petition also charges that many organizations apply for fees out of a desire to "get their fair share back" rather than out of a need for funds.

Other complaints outlined in the petition are that the large number of student organizations applying for fees makes effective FAB screening for each one impossible and that "puppet organizations" such as the University Gay Action Group have applied for and received fees.

Petition Demands

George makes five demands to remedy the FAB dilemma. He requests that FAB be prevented from allocating fees to any student organizations except athletic organizations. The athletics groups, if not supported by the Athletic Dept., should be funded through the Recreation Dept.

George's petition stipulates that the Recreation Dept. should be allocated all necessary fees to support the athletic organizations.

In a final request, George asked that fees not allocated be retained in an account to be used to reduce any student fee increase for the 1977 fall semester.

FAB chairwoman Sherry Cole said she was "shocked" when an early Wednesday morning phone call informed her of the petition.

"I think it all goes back to the fee controversy when FAB was established," Cole said.

FAB created

FAB was created in 1973 by then-Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Ken Bader. The 12-member body consists

of three at-large student members, appointed by a Council of Student Life sub-committee, according to Cole. The other five student positions are filled by representatives from the Union Advisory Board, the Student Council on Health, the Recreation Dept., the UNL Publications Committee and ASUN.

Two faculty members are appointed to FAB by the UNL Faculty Senate. The remaining two FAB positions are appointed through the vice chancellor of student affairs Cole said.

FAB works with about \$2.5 million in student fee money, Cole said.

Cole took issue with George's charge that FAB has no constituency because it is an appointed, rather than an elected body.

Political game

"One of the reasons they don't have elected officials doing this (fees allocation) is that it could become a very political, dirty game," Cole said.

Cole added that FAB conducts open meetings and holds open hearings when major fee users' budgets and recommendations are reviewed.

"He (George) should realize we have criteria and guidelines for funding sent out to all fee applicants," Cole continued. "We also have an appeals process, a very due process."

Cole said FAB will decide on their action in the case at their meeting tonight.

A clause in the petition requests that if the case is not under Student Court jurisdiction that the court recommend it be forwarded to the vice chancellor of student affairs and the NU Board of Regents.

Student Court Chief Justice Fritz Stehlik could not be reached for legal opinion on the issue because he is out of town.

Vice chancellor of Student Affairs Richard Armstrong said he was not certain whether his office or the court has jurisdiction in the petition.

"To my knowledge, no other groups than the office of student affairs entered into that (FAB's) appointment. If that's the case, FAB exists as an arm of the vice chancellor's office, and it would be my judgment it's not a matter for Student Court."

NU dental college sinks its teeth into ninth annual clinic

By Janet Lliteras

Everything anyone ever wanted to know about teeth and more was found at the ninth Annual Table Clinic at the NU College of Dentistry Tuesday.

The clinic was a table-top demonstration of procedures concerning phases of dental research, diagnosis or treatment.

Senior dental hygiene students and junior dental students demonstrated techniques ranging from "treatment of Sudden Death in the Dental Office" to "Tooth-brush Bristle Facts."

The purpose of a table clinic, according to the rule book, is "to stimulate ideas, improve communication and ... increase your involvement in the advancement of your profession." It is also a graduation requirement, said Robin Applebee, chairman of the Table Clinic Committee.

Karl Gubser, a junior dental student finalist from Norfolk, fused his interest in dentistry with cattle. Using black and white pictures and the actual equipment needed, he explained the procedure of capping cows' teeth to extend their productive lives.

Cows teeth become so abraded, that eventually they cannot eat or drink, he said. Capping the teeth helps increase weight gain and milk production, he said.

Other finalists included such topics as "The Dental Hygienist: An Aid in Diagnosis," "Our Teeth: Where Do They Come From" and "Treatment of Sudden Death."

Every dental student is required to give a 10-minute presentation, Applebee said. Students select the topic for the clinic on their own, research it and present it second semester. Senior hygiene students work on table clinics in a class, she explained. Junior dental students work on the project on their own time "with the support and guidance of faculty members."

The Table Clinic Committee, a group of eight faculty members, judged the 56 10-minute demonstrations on such things as looks, subject matter and content. Four senior hygiene students and eight junior dental student presentations were chosen to advance to the state dental meeting held in Lincoln April 26. The state winner is awarded a trip to the American Dental Association meeting in Washington, D.C. to compete in the nationals.

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